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H. J. RES. 62

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States with respect to tax limitations.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. Barton of Texas (for himself, Mr. Hall of Texas, Mr. Shadegg, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Taylor of Mississippi, Mr. Aderholt, Mr. Armey, Mr. Baker, Mr. Barr of Georgia, Mr. Barrett of Nebraska, Mr. Bart-LETT of Maryland, Mr. Bass, Mr. Bilbray, Mr. Bliley, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Bonilla, Mr. Bono, Mr. Brady, Mr. Bunning, Mr. Burr of North Carolina, Mr. Burton of Indiana, Mr. Calvert, Mr. Camp, Mr. CHABOT, Mrs. CHENOWETH, Mr. CHRISTENSEN, Mr. COBLE, Mr. COBURN, Mr. COLLINS, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. COOK, Mr. COOKSEY, Mrs. CUBIN, Mr. CUNNINGHAM, Mr. CRANE, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DELAY, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. ENGLISH of Mr. Ensign, Mr. Fox of Pennsylvania, Pennsylvania, Frelinghuysen, Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Gingrich, Mr. Goode, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. GOODLING, Mr. GRAHAM, Ms. GRANGER, Mr. GREEN-WOOD, Mr. HANSEN, Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HERGER, Mr. HILLEARY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. INGLIS of South Carolina, Mr. Istook, Mr. Sam Johnson of Texas, Mr. Jones, Mr. Kasich, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Lahood, Mr. Largent, Mr. Latham, Mr. LATOURETTE, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. MANZULLO, Mr. McCollum, Mr. McHugh, Mr. McIntosh, Mr. Mica, Mr. Miller of Florida, Ms. Molinari, Mr. Norwood, Mr. Oxley, Mr. Packard, Mr. Peterson of Pennsylvania, Mr. Riggs, Mr. Rogan, Mr. Rohrabacher, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. SALMON, Mr. SANFORD, Mr. SAXTON, Mr. SCARBOROUGH, Mr. Bob Schaffer of Colorado, Mr. Sensenbrenner, Mr. Sessions, Mr. Shimkus, Mr. Smith of Michigan, Mr. Smith of New Jersey, Mr. Smith of Texas, Mrs. Smith of Washington, Mr. Spence, Mr. Stearns, Mr. Stump, Mr. Talent, Mr. Taylor of North Carolina, Mr. Thornberry, Mr. Watts of Oklahoma, Mr. Weldon of Florida, Mr. Weldon of Pennsylvania, Mr. Wicker, Mr. Pombo, Mr. Hunter, Mrs. Fowler, Mr. Cannon, and Mr. Solomon) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

JOINT RESOLUTION

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Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives 1 2 of the United States of America in Congress assembled 3 (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the following article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-4 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when 6 7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several 8 States within seven years after the date of its submission for ratification: 9 10 "ARTICLE — 11 "Section 1. A bill to increase the internal revenue 12 shall require for final adoption in each House the concur-13 rence of two-thirds of the whole number of that House, unless that bill is determined at the time of adoption, in 15 a reasonable manner prescribed by law, not to increase 16 the internal revenue by more than a de minimis amount. "Section 2. The Congress may waive the require-17 ments of this article when a declaration of war is in effect. 18 The Congress may also waive this article when the United 19 20 States is engaged in military conflict which causes an im-21 minent and serious threat to national security and is so

declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of

- 1 the whole number of each House, which becomes law. Any
- 2 increase in the internal revenue enacted under such a
- 3 waiver shall be effective for not longer than two years.
- 4 "Section 3. Congress shall enforce and implement
- 5 this article by appropriate legislation.".

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